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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 2 OF REFTEL EMBASSY TRANSMITS A PARTIAL INFORMAL RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED. THE TREASURY HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL MAKE A MORE FORMAL RESPONSE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY THE TREASURER, THE RIGHT HONORABLE PHILLIP R. LYNCH, WHO WILL SERVE AS AUSTRALIAN GOVERNOR AT BOTH IBRD AND IMF MEETINGS.

3. OTHER MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION COMING FROM CANBERRA INCLUDE:

- A. SIR FREDERICK WHEELER, C.B.E., SECRETARY, THE TREASURY, ALTERNATE GOVERNOR, IMF.
- B. H.M. KNIGHT, CHAIRMAN, RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA, TEMPORARY ALTERNATE GOVERNOR, IMF.
- C. J. C. INGRAM, DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BUREAU, ALTERNATE GOVERNOR, IBRD.

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- D. J.D.C.C. MORE, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OVERSEAS ECONOMIC RELATIONS DIVISION, THE TREASURY.
- E. JOHN PHILLIPS, SENIOR OFFICER, RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
- F. J.H. COSGROVE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OVERSEAS FINANCE BRANCH, THE TREASURY.

4. COSGROVE TOLD EMBOFF THAT AT THIS POINT AUSTRALIA DOES NOT RPT NOT EXPECT TO BRING UP ANY ISSUES IN PLENARY SESSION.

5. COSGROVE TOLD US THAT AT THIS STAGE GOA EXPECTS TO RAISE QUESTION OF FORTHCOMING REVIEW OF IMF QUOTAS WITH USG OFFICIALS IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. COSGROVE FURTHER SAID THAT THERE MAY BE ONE OR TWO OTHER MATTERS FOR BILATERALS, BUT THAT DECISIONS NOT YET MADE. HE PROMISED TO INCLUDE THESE ADDITIONAL BILATERAL MATTERS, IF ANY, IN FORMAL RESPONSE WHICH WE COULD EXPECT IN A FEW DAYS.

6. TREASURER LYNCH WISHES TO MEET WITH TREASURY SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL FOR A TOUR D'HORIZON OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND US ECONOMIES. WE UNDERSTAND AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY BEGUN DISCUSSIONS WITH US TREASURY WITH A VIEW TOWARDS FIRING UP AN APPOINTMENT.

7. BEFORE ATTENDING IBRD/IMF MEETINGS, LYNCH WILL REPRESENT AUSTRALIA AT COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING IN THE BARBADOS. FOLLOWING THE WASHINGTON MEETINGS, HE NOW PLANNING PRESENT THE "AUSTRALIAN ECONOMIC AND INVESTMENT MESSAGE" TO BUSINESS LEADERS IN NEW YORK. ALSTON
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